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## SPECIAL EDITION

### A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

#### TSUD TO INSTALL DR. MICHAEL MALONE AS UNIVERSITY'S THIRD PRESIDENT

Since May 1996, Dr. Michael E. Malone has been president of Troy State University Dothan. On Friday, April 18, 1997, the university community will make his presidency official with a Presidential Installation Ceremony on the TSUD campus.

A committee has been working for the past several months to insure that the community celebration will be one to remember. Dr. Malone's interests and favorite topics have been woven into a series of activities which will precede the ceremony. Those interests center around nature, wellness, technology, and the arts.

Author Bob Inman, a friend of Dr. Malone's and Elba native, was at Books-A-Million in Northside Mall on Wednesday, April 2, from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. During that time he signed copies of his book *Dairy Queen Days*.

A concert by the TSUD Community Band will be held at the Dothan High School Alumni Memorial Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. on April 14, in honor of Dr. Malone. Musical selections will include marches, Broadway hits, patriotic music, major concert band works, and a selection of Dr. Malone's favorite Gershwin melodies entitled *Gershwin*. Dr. John M. Long, director of bands and dean of the School of Fine Arts at Troy State University, will be a guest conductor for the concert. The concert is free and open to the public.

A Health and Wellness Fair will be held in Malone Hall on Tuesday, April 15, from 9:00 A.M. until Noon. Numerous agencies will be on campus to provide a variety of health screenings and to showcase the latest in health and wellness. This event is co-sponsored by the TSUD Student Government Association. A Tree

Dedication Ceremony for Dr. Malone will take place on the TSUD campus at 1:30 P.M. on April 15. Dr. Parviz Parsa, professor of economics at TSUD, has donated ten trees in honor of Dr. Malone and his official installation.

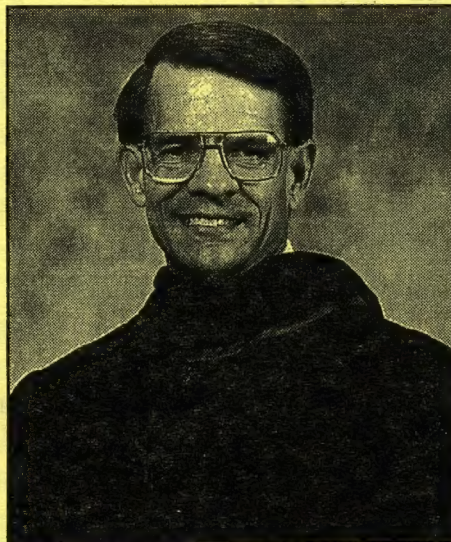
To showcase faculty member's academic works, two presentations will be given on the TSUD campus on Wednesday, April 16. The School of Education will host a Brown-Bag Lunchtime presentation from Noon until 1:00 P.M. with Dr. Anne Lorance, assistant professor of elementary education, giving a presentation on *Creek Indian Nations: Past and Present*. From Noon until 4:00 P.M., Dr. Dorinda Van Loo, professor

of philosophy, will host the Fourth Annual Bereavement Teleconference *Living With Grief*, sponsored by Hospice Foundation and coordinated by TSUD Continuing Education.

Thursday is the day set aside for technological advances at TSUD. Dr. Lannes L. Morris-Murphy, assistant professor of MIS in the School of Business, and members of the TSUD Techno-Team will unveil TSUD's Web Page followed by a TSUD Family reception. This technology event will take place in the Harrison Room in Malone Hall at 1:00 P.M.

Friday culminates the series of community activities with the installation of Dr. Michael E. Malone as the third president of Troy State University Dothan. The Presidential Installation Ceremony will begin at

10:00 A.M. in front of Malone Hall. Numerous dignitaries—local, state, national, and international—will be present to offer greetings from their respective constituents. The TSU Symphony Band will provide music prior to and during the ceremony. A special feature within the processional will be the playing of bagpipes by members of the St. Andrews Pipe Band from Montgomery. A reception will be held in Malone Hall immediately following the ceremony.



Dr. Michael E. Malone  
TSUD's Third President



## CAPS OFF - A BIG HIT

In a period from February 19 through March 17, fifty-one individuals turned in two hundred and twenty-eight (228) CAPS OFF cards to the University Relations office. A breakdown of those 51 people shows that a good cross section of TSUD personnel received accolades from their fellow cohorts and others (14 faculty, 19 professional staff, and 18 classified staff). The important item to note here is that cards were exchanged among all levels at the University.



Diana Parker received the meal for two from The Old Mill for winter quarter for having received fourteen (14) CAPS OFF cards.

Members of the Marketing Team are extremely pleased with the participation for the first quarter. Keep up the good work and someone is bound to see you in action.



### TSUD SPRING FESTIVAL *Celebrating Excellence* **Mexican Style**

**Thursday, April 24**  
**10:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**  
**and**  
**4:00 - 6:00 P.M.**

**Front Lawn of Malone Hall**  
**Tacos from Taco Bell**



### TSUD Faculty Member and Students Receive Certification

Two students and a professor at TSUD recently passed the Microsoft Certification Exam for Visual Basic 4.0. The exam demonstrates to current of potential employers and customers that an individual has mastered the skills to implement, maintain, and troubleshoot applications using the Visual Basic programming language.

The newly, redesigned Computer Information Systems (CIS) and Management Information Systems (MIS) programs at TSUD are built around Microsoft development products. Visual Basic is the major component of the client/server programming track in CIS, and Microsoft Office Professional is the end-user application development environment emphasized in MIS. As Microsoft products take an increasing share of the marketplace, the demand for certified trained personnel has risen. The goal of these new programs at TSUD is to provide the student with the conceptual and technical skills to compete in today's information age job environment.

The two students who took the exam, Tom McAllister (middle), Dothan, and Alton DeWeese (R), Dothan, had just completed the new capstone programming course CIS 447-System Design and Implementation. This course was taught by Dr. Gary Buchanan (L), chairman of the Computer Information Systems department at TSUD.



## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The Alabama House voted a 1% increase in allocations for higher education in Fiscal Year 1998. The Alabama Senate Finance and Taxation Committee voted a 2% increase. But that's not all. The Finance and Taxation Committee voted approximately a 12% increase for TSUD in recognition of the equity funding issue we have been pushing for several years.

This amount is not the full equity funding amount, but it is a nice addition in a year when others may have to settle for 1-2% and our Governor would prefer level funding.

Senator Chip Bailey of Dothan is spearheading this issue in the Senate. If the full Senate votes to concur, the budget (including our increase) goes to Conference Committee. Stay Tuned!



## TSUD's Points of Light

Since summer 1996, when Dr. Malone gave the *green light* to improving our technological infrastructure, there has been a *constant light* in Malone Hall 111. In that enclave, a group (sometimes) affectionately known as the "Techno-Team" has been working late, late nights, weekends, and holidays to make our TSUD network, Internet access, and Web Site a reality.

Gary Buchanan, Shane Stonesifer, Stacey Mixon, and Buzz Wood aided by Jim Hartsfield, Lannes Morris-Murphy, Michael Higgins and others, are bringing us *into the light* with some long-awaited technology. There have been a few *dark days* since September, but their *energy* and *vision* have never *dimmed*. They know that their "OT" is far from over, but they are committed to getting the access, tools, training, and support to us all--not at the *speed of light*, but through a process that maximizes resources and minimizes mistakes. When we observe the major and costly tech-errors being made by other organizations, the Techno-Team plan borders on *brilliant*.

**CAPS OFF--BIG TIME!**



## Performance Evaluation Plan

The Employee Performance Evaluation Task Force was appointed in January 1997 to develop an evaluation system for professional and classified staff. Many hours have been spent discussing the use of evaluation systems in public and private organizations. This committee has developed a draft evaluation plan/process which is now available for your review in the library.

Written comments can be forwarded to Bob Willis in the Admissions Office. Comments should be received by April 25.

The following people serve on the Task Force: Sherri Burns, Scot Craig, Renee' Green, Dr. Tina Haley, Sarah Love, Karen McGahee, Janet McQueen, Diana Parker, Jay Porter, John Quick, Cathy Williams, and Bob Willis.

Honors Convocation  
Friday, May 2, 1997  
7:00 P.M.  
Calvary Baptist Church

**Support the Future of TSUD  
Support the Capital Campaign**





## Calendar of Events for Installation Week April 14 - 18

Monday, April 14	TSUD Community Band Concert	7:00 P.M.	Dothan High Auditorium
Tuesday, April 15	Health & Wellness Fair	9:00 A.M. - Noon	Malone Hall
Tuesday, April 15	Tree Dedication	1:30 P.M.	Behind Malone Hall
Wednesday, April 16	Faculty Presentation "Creek Indian Nations: Past and Present"	Noon - 1:00 P.M.	Adams Hall 311
Wednesday, April 16	Teleconference "Living With Grief"	Noon - 4:00 P.M.	Adams Hall 412
Thursday, April 17	Web Page Unveiling	1:00 P.M.	Malone Hall 112
Friday, April 18	Presidential Installation Ceremony	10:00 A.M.	Front of Malone Hall

## A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



### *Mike at Nite*

Students gathered in the TSUD Deli on two occasions to discuss their concerns and to exchange positive dialogue with President Malone. Some topics of discussion were tuition rates, state funding, TSU System operation, class scheduling, advising, registration and pre-registration, technology, and future building expansion.

### Student and Community Affairs

Following Fall Quarter's reorganization, the newly formed Student and Community Affairs Division has been using a series of flyers to inform the internal TSUD community of what the division is and does. The flyers are designed to offer fast facts which may be useful and interesting to all of us as we serve students and promote TSUD. For example, did you know that in 1995-96, Admissions and Records processed nearly 2,000 applications for new admissions, or that Financial Aid processed over \$4,000,000 in student aid, or that Continuing Education enrolled over 3,600 students, or that Counseling Services assisted 212 disabled students? There will be more flyers to come from other Student and Community Affairs Division functions--administrative services, alumni affairs, data and research services, recruiting, student activities, and the ISC.

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